

## **Rep. Murtha Threatens Pentagon over Speaker Pelosi's Demand for Military Jet**

***"I just tell them what they need to do," says Defense Appropriations Chairman***

After the Pentagon rejected pressure from Speaker Nancy Pelosi and other House Democrat leaders to provide her a military C-32 Jet, Congressman John Murtha (D-PA) responded angrily after the media reported the story. So angrily, in fact, that the Defense Appropriations Chairman apparently believes that it is "in the interests of the United States" to threaten Department of Defense funding over the flap.

### ***THE INITIAL THREAT***

*Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa., the Pelosi ally who chairs the House military appropriations subcommittee, said he has spoken to Pentagon officials about the need to provide Pelosi with a bigger plane that can fly passengers coast to coast in comfort.... "I don't need to pressure them. I just tell them what they need to do." Murtha said.*

*(San Francisco Chronicle, 2/8/2007)*

### ***APPROPRIATIONS CHAIRMAN THREATENS TO CUT DEFENSE FUNDING AFTER AMERICA LEARNS OF PELOSI PLANE DEMAND***

*"Late Wednesday afternoon, one of Pelosi's closest allies in the House, Rep. John Murtha, D-Penn., chairman of the key Appropriations Committee subcommittee on defense, told CNN that the Pentagon was making 'a mistake' by leaking information unfavorable to the speaker 'since she decides on the allocations for the Department of Defense.'"*

*(CNN, ABC News, 2/8/2007)*

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***Our nation is at war.***

***It is irresponsible, inappropriate and reckless for a member of Congress to  
threaten the Pentagon and men and women of our armed forces.***

